



Joan Barbara Dean

October 4, 1930 - October 5, 2017

Joan Barbara Coughlin Dean, passed away on the morning of Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. Joan was born on an elevator at the old Stamford Hospital in Stamford, CT on October 4, 1930 to the late Henry Howard Coughlin of Prince Edward Island, Canada and Anna Pestick Turpin Coughlin of Auburn, NY. Joan was 87 years old at the time of her passing. A life-long resident of Stamford, CT, Joan attended Rogers School from kindergarten to the 9th grade, and graduated from Stamford High School with the class of 1948. She went on to attend Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, CT where she earned a degree in Gregorian chant. On June 24, 1950 Joan married her beloved husband of 65 years, James H. Dean, and in 1958, they purchased the home in Stamford where they raised their two sons, James Jr. and Stephen. Joan loved her music, and she put her passion to work by working as an organist and soloist over a 52 year span, playing and singing at churches throughout the Stamford area. She played at St. Benedict, St. John the Evangelist, St. Cecilia, St. Clement of Rome and Our Lady Star of the Sea churches, as well as for other non-Roman Catholic churches. She was a proud, 50+ year member of the American Guild of Organists and she sang with the Troupers Light Opera Company for over 20 years. Joan also enjoyed spending time quilting and crocheting. Over the years she took classes with Meg Moor at Stamford High School, Katherine Malloch of Stamford, the Nimble Thimble in Port Chester, NY and at Quilt Essentials in Norwalk, CT. Her first handstitched quilt took 9 months to finish

but over time Joan became a master quilter and crocheter. She was a quilter at the Belltown Fire House and a member of the Northern Star Quilters of New York, Common Threads of Greenwich and Goodwives Quilters in Rowayton, CT. Throughout her time knitting and crocheting Joan made hundreds of hats, scarves and blankets for the homeless in the community and many lap quilts and regular quilts. Her many talents will be sorely missed by many. Joan was a widow to James H. ("Jimmy") Dean who passed away on October 21, 2015. She is survived by her son, James, Jr., of San Diego, CA; and a sister-in-law, Sister Anne Pearl Dean of The Sisters of St. Joseph of West Hartford, CT. In addition to her husband, Joan was preceded in death by her son, Stephen. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am on Thursday morning, October 19th at St. John R.C. Church, 1986 Post Road, in Darien, CT. The interment will be private. The Dean family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to the Bosak Funeral Home. If you care to leave an online expression of condolence you may sign the guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jim, the first time I met your parents was when my brother and I raised their roof on the cape cod and made 3 bedrooms and a large bathroom upstairs. Your father would go out every morning and bring back bacon and egg sandwiches for us. Thru the years they would call for any LITTLE thing! The way the joked around was right up our alley. Now, I will miss them both. Sincerely, Jim and Elsie Ferrara

Jim Ferrara - October 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ So sorry to learn of Joan's passing. We were probably in kindergarten together at Roger School, and graduated from Stamford High class 1948. Then pals again at the 1st Stamford Natl Bank & Trs Co. Remember her first car and a trip we took to West Point. I have a picture or two if you would like it. Betty Wainwright Smith.

Betty Wainwright Smith - October 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ I am so sorry that I was not able to make it to the funeral service for Joan yesterday. I worked with her in her property issues, which brought us close. My memory of her will always be that of super smart and feisty great lady. My deepest sympathy to you on the lost of your mom.

Eileen Heaphy - October 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your mom. She was an amazing lady and I was privileged to have been her friend and neighbor for the past 7 years. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Louise Martin - October 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Jim-I am so very sorry. What can I say other than as "buds" growing up, your Mom was larger than life. I am so sorry for your loss my dear friend and I want you to know I will forever miss our times together and your Mom and my family always together. I love you my dear friend and want you to know that I am with you forever! Stay strong my dear friend. Your life is about to begin!!!!Your loving friend, Ken

ken kaminski - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Jimmy, The neighborhood will never be the same now without Mrs. Dean. She was like a second mom in many ways; when she yelled at you boys for being bad she would yell at Rosie and I as well. Through all my life Mrs Dean would be there to keep our surroundings safe. Mr. & Mrs Dean would check any unfamiliar and suspicious beings in the neighborhood who didn't "belong. We took that for granted back then and appreciate it now as we grow older. RIP Mrs Dean.

Sara Wells - October 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dean Family- So sorry for your loss. May she RIP.

Marilyn M Buckley - October 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *May God BLess you and your family. Knowing you & Jimmy since our high school years was a blessing. You can now rest in peace.
Sincererly, Phyllis Kolenda*

Phyllis Kolenda - October 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM